

REMARK

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-61, 63, 67-76, 78, 82-87, 89, and 92 and have amended claims 62, 64-66, 77, and 79-81 as set forth above. Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 63-66 and 78-81 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested

The Office has rejected claims 88 and 91 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has rejected claims 62, 77, 90 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,604,591 to Kitagawa (Kitagawa), and (as noted above) has indicated claims 63-66 and 78-81 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 88 and 91 and have amended claim 62 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 63 which has been indicated to be allowable and have amended claim 77 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 78 which has been indicated to be allowable. Additionally claims 64-66 have been amended to depend from amended independent claim 62 and claims 79-81 have been amended to depend from amended independent claim 77 and thus are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants have also cancelled the withdrawn claims. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw these rejections and objections.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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